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The Security Council, on 16 November 1993, adopted resolution 885 (1993), which authorized "the establishment of a Commission of Inquiry, in further implementation of resolutions 814 (1993) and 837 (1993), to investigate armed attacks on UNOSOM II personnel which led to casualties among them". I was requested to appoint the Commission at the earliest possible time and to report thereon.

Following consultations, I have appointed a Commission of Inquiry to carry out the investigation. The Commission, consisting of three highly respected and distinguished international personalities, will comprise: The Honourable Matthew S. W. Ngulube, the Chief Justice of Zambia, as Chairman; General Emmanuel Erskine (Ret.) of Ghana; and General Gustav Hagglund of Finland.

Given the importance I attach to the work of the Commission, I have decided to establish a separate secretariat to assist it in carrying out its tasks. Mr. Winston Tubman of the Office of Legal Affairs has been designated as Executive Secretary of this secretariat. Mr. Tubman is a former Minister of Justice of Liberia.

I have asked the members of the Commission to be available in New York today, 23 November 1993, for consultations and to determine procedures for carrying out their investigation, as directed by the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would bring the contents of this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI